Modifications in SJSRY

3871. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has prepared proposals for modification of guidelines of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and submitted a proposal to the Expenditure Finance Committee;

(b) if so, the details of modifications proposed and when the proposal had been submitted to the EFC;

(c) whether it is a fact that EFC has rejected the modifications; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the rejection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) During the course of implementation of the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), it was observed that there was a need to have a relook at the guidelines of the scheme and certain modifications would be required to enhance the effectiveness of the scheme in tackling the issue of urban poverty. Accordingly, proposals were formulated for the modifications in the Guidelines of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). The major changes proposed were regarding enhancement in project cost ceiling for individual micro-enterprises under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) component, increase in average per capita expenditure for skill training, change in funding pattern of the Scheme from 75:25 (Centre: State) to 90:10 for the special category North Eastern and hilly States, removal of educational limit prescribed for the self-employment component, reducing the minimum group Members required to form Development of Women & Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA) Groups from 10 to 5, enhancing the Administrative Expenditure limits etc.

As per the prescribed procedure, Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) appraised these proposals in its meeting held on 8th August, 2005 and approved the same.

However, it was subsequently decided to continue the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), in its present from, during the 10th Plan period and for continuing this scheme into the 11th Plan, an evaluation needs to be done. Evaluation study has since been completed.

(c) and (d) In view of (a) & (b) above Questions do not arise.